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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.
Application No.: 09/942,588
Filed: August 31, 2001
For: SCREENING METHOD FOR
GENE VARIATION)
Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
Group Art Unit: 1637
January 10, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated September 10, 2002 for one (1) month from December 10, 2002 to January 10, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by

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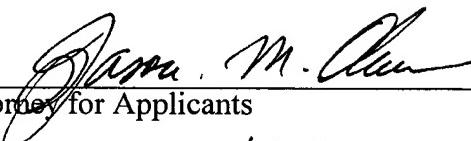
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Respectfully submitted,



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